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IN THE CLAIMS

The pending claims are reproduced herein for the Examiner's convenience:

- 1. (Original) A process comprising:
- forming an imprinted polymer disposed upon a substrate under conditions to expose a bond pad on the substrate by local flow of the polymer, wherein a recess is formed in the polymer;

mating a solder bump with the bond pad; and curing the polymer.

- 2. (Original) The process of claim 1, further including reflowing the solder bump at a process time selected from before curing the polymer, after curing the polymer, and simultaneously with curing the polymer.
- 3. (Original) The process of claim 1, following forming an imprinted polymer the process further including filling a solder flux into the recess.
- 4. (Original) The process of claim 1, following forming an imprinted polymer the process further including filling a solder flux into the recess by a process including pushing the solder flux.
- 5. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein forming an imprinted polymer includes forming the imprinted polymer with a convex over-all profile.
- 6. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein forming an imprinted polymer includes forming the imprinted polymer with a convex over-all profile, and the process further including:

mating a microprocessor with the solder bump.

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(Original) The process of claim 1, wherein forming an imprinted polymer 7. includes forming the imprinted polymer with a convex over-all profile, and the process further including:

mating a microprocessor with the solder bump, wherein mating includes at least partially flattening the convex over-all profile.

- (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein forming an imprinted polymer 8. includes forming a contoured recess.
- (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein forming an imprinted polymer 9. includes forming a contoured recess, and wherein mating the solder bump with the bond pad includes mating a complementary-contoured solder bump in the recess.
- (Original) The process of claim 1, further including mating a microprocessor 10. with the solder bump.
- (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the polymer is formed upon the 11. substrate by depositing a prepolymer selected from a resin, an epoxy, and combinations thereof.
- (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein curing the polymer forms a cured 12. polymer film that includes a film-to-substrate thickness ratio in a range from about one-tenth to about one-half the thickness of the substrate.
- (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the polymer is formed upon the 13. substrate by depositing a prepolymer selected from a resin, an epoxy, and combinations thereof, and wherein curing the polymer forms a cured polymer film including a film-to-substrate thickness ratio selected from about one-tenth, one-eighth, one-fifth, one-fourth, one-third, and one-half the thickness of the substrate.

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14. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the polymer is a resin that includes a filler selected from silica, ceria, thoria, zirconia and combinations thereof.

- 15. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the polymer is a resin that includes a filler selected from silica, ceria, thoria, zirconia and combinations thereof, and wherein the filler is selected from a spherical particle, an aspherical particle, a fiber, and combinations thereof.
- 16. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the polymer is a resin that includes a filler in a concentration range from about 30% to about 90%.
 - 17. (Original) A process comprising:

placing a polymer film over a substrate;

imprinting the polymer film under conditions to expose a bond pad on the substrate by local flow of the polymer film, wherein a recess is formed in the polymer film;

mating a solder bump with the bond pad; and curing the polymer film.

- 18. (Original) The process of claim 17, further including reflowing the solder bump at a process time selected from before curing the polymer film, after curing the polymer film, and simultaneously with curing the polymer film.
- 19. (Original) The process of claim 17, following forming an imprinted polymer film the process further including filling a solder flux into the recess.
- 20. (Original) The process of claim 17, following forming an imprinted polymer film the process further including filling a solder flux into the recess by a process including pushing the solder flux.
- 21. (Original) The process of claim 17, wherein forming an imprinted polymer film includes forming a contoured recess.

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22. (Original) The process of claim 17, wherein forming an imprinted polymer includes forming a contoured recess, and wherein mating the solder bump with the bond pad includes mating a complementary-contoured solder bump in the recess.

- 23. (Original) The process of claim 17, further including mating a microprocessor with the solder bump.
- 24. (Original) The process of claim 17, wherein placing the polymer film upon the substrate includes placing a polymer film selected from a resin, an epoxy, and combinations thereof.
- 25. (Original) The process of claim 17, wherein curing the polymer film forms a cured polymer film that includes a film-to-substrate thickness ratio in a range from about one-tenth to about one-half the thickness of the substrate.
- 26. (Original) The process of claim 17, wherein placing the polymer film upon the substrate includes placing a polymer film selected from a resin, an epoxy, and combinations thereof, and wherein curing the polymer film forms a cured polymer film including a film-to-substrate thickness ratio selected from about one-tenth, one-eighth, one-fifth, one-fourth, one-third, and one-half the thickness of the substrate.

Claims 27- 29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously Presented) A process comprising:

forming an imprinted polymer disposed upon a substrate under conditions to expose a bond pad on the substrate by local flow of the polymer, wherein a recess is formed in the polymer;

filling a solder flux into the recess; mating a solder bump with the bond pad; and

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curing the polymer, wherein curing the polymer forms a cured polymer film that includes a film-to-substrate thickness ratio in a range from about one-tenth to about one-half the thickness of the substrate.

31. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 30, wherein forming an imprinted polymer includes forming the imprinted polymer with a convex over-all profile, and the process further including:

mating a microprocessor with the solder bump.

32. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 30, wherein forming an imprinted polymer includes forming a contoured recess.